

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 13, 14, 17 and 20, and indication that claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. In response thereto, Applicants have rewritten claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims and have cancelled rejected claims 8-15, 17, 20 and 22-30 without prejudice. Upon entry of these amendments, only claims 13, 14, 17, 20, <sup>23,</sup> 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 remain pending. Applicants believe the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same.

Please charge deposit account no. 04-1696 accordingly for new independent claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30. A separate request for one month extension of time is enclosed with authorization to charge the requisite fee to deposit account no. 04-1696. No other fees are believed necessary. However, if any other fees are required, please charge deposit account no. 04-1696 accordingly. Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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